

Highlights for 7/26/2016

- EPA's refrigeration contractor continued to collect ammonia in the high pressure receiver. It is estimated approximately 1,500 lbs. of ammonia is currently in the high pressure receiver.
- Tanner Industries high pressure truck will be on site tomorrow to remove the ammonia
- EPA, VFD, VPD and VDOH finalized preparations for tomorrow's mandatory evacuation
- EPA began collecting accumulating melt water from the elevator shaft within the facility

Objectives for 7/27/2016

- Remove ammonia collected in high pressure receiver
- Institute evacuation of residents within a 500 ft. radius of the facility
- Continue to inform the public of ongoing activities
- Continue coordinating efforts with all interested parties
- Continue air monitoring
- Continue receiving IMACC air modeling support

Sitrep for 7/26/16 activities:

EPA's refrigeration contractor was on site today and continued to monitor the refrigeration system and collect ammonia in the high pressure receiver. It is estimated an approximate additional 100 lbs. was collected today, bringing the total in the receiver to approximately 1,500 lbs.

EPA's structural engineer was on site today to inspect the partially collapsed brine tank wall. The inspection was conducted in order to assess the condition of the remaining wall and the likelihood of an impact to the critical components of the refrigeration system located immediately adjacent to the brine tank.

EPA began circulating warm air into the basement of the facility in order to defrost the chiller units which will allow any ammonia remaining in the chillers to be collected in the high pressure receiver.

EPA began removing melt water from the elevator shaft within the building. Approximately 250 gallons were removed.

A mandatory evacuation of residences within a 500 foot radius of the site will be enacted from 0800-1700 tomorrow. Planning and preparation for the evacuation has been completed and activities are anticipated to be similar to the last evacuation. Current census data indicates the population within this zone includes 89 people plus 29 housing units. EPA and members from the City of Vineland distributed information flyers regarding site operations and the mandatory evacuation procedures.